

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masanori ABE, et al.
Appln. No.: 10/540,839
Confirmation No.: 8993
Filed: June 27, 2005

Docket No: Q88793
Group Art Unit: 1794
Examiner: Daniel H. MILLER

For: CORROSION RESISTANT MEMBER AND PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) Dated November 7, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned contacted Ms. Brenda Murphy of Technology Center 1700 regarding the above NOTICE.

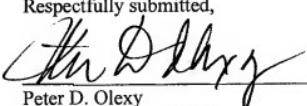
Ms. Murphy informed the undersigned that the Action of October 17, 2008 was not a Final Rejection, and for that reason the RCE was improper.

It was indicated that the AMENDMENT...1.114(c) filed with the RCE would be treated as an AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Accordingly, there should be no response due to the outstanding Action of October 17, 2008.

The Examiner is requested to verify that this is the case.

Respectfully submitted,


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